

5 Day MERRY XMAS TOUR



24 - 28 December 2025



DAY 1 (Wednesday 24)

This morning we depart New Plymouth and journey north picking up fellow passengers along the way. On our journey today take the chance to view sections of the new Mt Messenger by-pass, the rolling Waikato hills and the sparkling waters of the Waitemata Harbour as we cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge. It is then on through the ever growing northern suburbs to Wellsford and further onwards to arrive in Whangarei and our home for the next three nights. Before enjoying dinner take some time to check out the swimming pool or take a wander along the marina.

Distinction Whangarei Hotel

DAY 2 (Thursday 25)

IT'S SANTA'S DAY!!

We start our special day with breakfast then pack up a picnic lunch (included) and head to **Paihia** in the beautiful Bay of Islands. On our arrival you will have time to enjoy this popular destination at your leisure. We have included a **return ferry ticket to Russell**, *the first permanent European settlement which soon earned a reputation as a community full of prostitution and without laws. It became known as the "Hell Hole of the Pacific"*; it is now well known for its many cafes & holiday homes. Take time to view Pompallier Mission House (unfortunately closed today but can be viewed from outside), the historic printery/tannery/storehouse of the early Roman Catholic missionaries, is the oldest surviving industrial building in New Zealand, while the town's Christ Church is the country's oldest surviving Anglican church, see if you can see the bullet holes from the Battle of Kororareka in 1845. After we have had time to relax and wander we will return to Whangarei where there will be some free time to explore the area, visit friends or enjoy the pool. Tonight we enjoy a special Christmas Dinner. If we are really good Father Christmas may even visit us at some time during the day.

DAY 3 (Friday 26)

After a hearty breakfast we start our day with a scenic drive to Dargaville where we visit the **Dargaville Museum** which tells the fascinating stories of the Kauri Coast: from early Maori life represented by the 16-metre pre-European waka, the replica gumdiggers camp, shipwreck relics recovered from Ripiro Beach to the masts of the ill-fated Greenpeace protest ship, the Rainbow Warrior. Take time wander outside and take in the magnificent views overlooking

the district, town and the Northern Wairoa River. Today we enjoy **lunch at the historic Northern Wairoa Hotel** (included). Upon our return to Whangarei we visit the **Whangarei Falls**, a picturesque 26.3 metre waterfall with easy walking tracks, before returning to the hotel where you will have time to rest and relax before dinner.

DAY 4 (Saturday 27)

Today we farewell Whangarei but not before enjoying a **cruise on the Whangarei Harbour** starting at the Town Basin where many international vessels are moored, under the Bascule Bridge past Kissing Point Boatshed before returning to the Town Basin. Then you have some free time where you may like to visit Claphams Clocks, The Hundertwasser Art Centre, take time to wander the marina, visit the craft shops in the area and sample one of the many cafes for lunch (all at own cost). We then re-group and travel to **Kiwi North** for a self-guided visit see native species including geckos & kiwi (feeding at 3pm), early settler collections at the Whangarei Museum, and Heritage Park and beautiful grounds.

We then commence our journey southward through Waipu, Kaiwaka until we see the Auckland sky-line and our home for the final night of our Merry Xmas Tour.

This evening there is time to reflect on a delightful day and enjoy a relaxing evening with all our new found friends.

Auckland Rose Park Hotel

Day 5 (Sunday 28)

This morning as we farewell Auckland our first stop will be at the **Auckland Botanic Gardens**, here you have the chance to discover some of the 64 hectares of gardens including their Rose / Edible / African / Perennial + many more “*Come, relax, be inspired and let our plant collections surprise you!*” is how they describe their gardens. There will time for a cuppa before continuing our homeward journey. As we travel further we have time to reflect on the last few days and to exchange addresses and telephone numbers etc. with our new found friends.

We hope you have enjoyed your Xmas Tour and made many new friends or caught up with friends made on previous tours.

We wish you a Great and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2026

INCLUSIONS: Accommodation on a share twin basis with private facilities,
4 Dinners (including Xmas Dinner), 4 full breakfasts,
2 Lunches & all sightseeing as highlighted in the itinerary

BOOKING CONDITIONS



COST: Twin share (per person) **\$ 1450.00**
Requested Single room **\$ 1850.00**

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at the time of booking and the full payment is due by 24 November 2025

CANCELLATION FEES: If you are forced to cancel your reservation
More than 30 days before departure 100% of the published deposit is forfeited.
Less than 30 days prior to departure 100% of the tour price is forfeited

CREDIT CARDS: We accept VISA & MasterCard subject to a 1.5% transaction fee.

DIRECT PAYMENTS: Can be made to Dalroy Tours

ANZ Bank 01-0707-0305166-46 OR TSB Bank 15-3953-0944207-10

(please include your Name & Xmas in the reference)

REFUNDS: Please note that no refund of unused ground content will be made for any reason.

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CHANGES IN ITINERARY AND HOTELS: The operator reserves the right to deviate from the itinerary should circumstances so dictate and to substitute hotels with those of an equal standing or tariff.

SEAT ROTATION: To provide all passengers with the opportunity of forward and window seating we operate a seat rotation system which will be explained to you by the driver.

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